COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROVISION OF)	
FOUR-PARTY SERVICE AND EIGHT-PARTY)	CASE NO
SERVICE BY BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE	j	91-171
COMPANY, INC.	i	

ORDER

This case having arisen by Commission Order dated May 30, 1991 to investigate the reasonableness of eliminating all four-party and eight-party service of Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc. ("Brandenburg") in Kentucky.

In our Order, we required that Brandenburg file information regarding its four-party and eight-party service in Kentucky including a detailed construction plan necessary to modernize and eliminate four-party and eight-party service, the earliest date by which such service may be eliminated, and the estimated impact on other local service rates as a result of eliminating four-party and eight-party service.

On July 29, 1991, Brandenburg filed a response indicating that it has no eight-party customers, a total of 453 customers have four-party service in six exchanges of its service area, and that total elimination of four-party service would require six months to complete at a cost of \$171,126 in new construction. Brandenburg further indicated that it does not anticipate that local rates will be affected by eliminating four-party service.

The Commission, having considered the response of Brandenburg and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. Within 60 days of the date of this Order, Brandenburg shall file detailed construction plans and specifications to modernize the six exchanges and eliminate four-party service.
- 2. The construction shall be completed no later than April 1, 1992 wherein four-party service shall be eliminated in Brandenburg's service area.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of September, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director